

Discussion- Item IV-7:

The project will not conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance.

Discussion- Item IV-8:

The project will not conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan.

V. CULTURAL RESOURCES – Would the project:

Environmental Issue	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Measures	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
1. Substantially cause adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in CEQA Guidelines, Section 15064.5? (PLN)				X
2. Substantially cause adverse change in the significance of a unique archaeological resource pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15064.5? (PLN)				X
3. Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature? (PLN)				X
4. Have the potential to cause a physical change, which would affect unique ethnic cultural values? (PLN)				X
5. Restrict existing religious or sacred uses within the potential impact area? (PLN)				X
6. Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries? (PLN)				X

Discussion- All Items:

The river rafting company operates on the river and the project does not propose any disturbance to river bank areas or any potential cultural resource sites that may be located along the banks. The project will not substantially cause adverse change in the significance of a known historical resource or known unique archaeological resource as defined in CEQA Guidelines. It will not directly or indirectly destroy a known unique paleontological resource or site or known unique geologic feature. It will not have the potential to cause a physical change, which would affect known unique ethnic cultural values, nor will it restrict existing known religious or sacred uses within the potential impact area. It will not disturb any known human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries.

VI. GEOLOGY & SOILS – Would the project:

Environmental Issue	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Measures	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
1. Expose people or structures to unstable earth conditions or changes in geologic substructures? (ESD)				X
2. Result in significant disruptions, displacements, compaction or overcrowding of the soil? (ESD)				X
3. Result in substantial change in topography or ground surface relief features? (ESD)			X	
4. Result in the destruction, covering or modification of any unique geologic or physical features? (ESD)			X	

5. Result in any significant increase in wind or water erosion of soils, either on or off the site? (ESD)			X	
6. Result in changes in deposition or erosion or changes in siltation which may modify the channel of a river, stream, or lake? (ESD)		X		
7. Result in exposure of people or property to geologic and geomorphological (i.e. Avalanches) hazards such as earthquakes, landslides, mudslides, ground failure, or similar hazards? (ESD)				X
8. Be located on a geological unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction, or collapse? (ESD)				X
9. Be located on expansive soils, as defined in Section 1802.3.2 of the California Building Code (2007), creating substantial risks to life or property? (ESD)				X

Discussion- Items VI-1,2,8,9:

The project is for the re-issuance of 100 rafting tags. No building is proposed as a part of the project. The parking and circulation areas are existing and not required to be expanded. The applicant does not propose an increase to the number of rafting tags, or an increase to the hours open for business. Because no improvements are proposed or required, the project will not create any unstable soil that could result in liquefaction or collapse. Furthermore, the re-issuance of the requested 100 rafting tags will not create any risks to life or property from any expansive soils. Therefore, there is no impact.

Discussion- Item VI-3:

The previously-adopted Negative Declaration (EIAQ-3663) concluded that the impacts associated with substantial changes in topography or ground surface relief features would result in a less than significant impact. The original project included water quality improvements within existing parking areas which may have resulted in a less than significant impact. Those improvements have been constructed and no new construction is proposed or required. The re-issuance of the requested 100 rafting tags will not result in a significant change in topography or ground surface relief features. Therefore, the impact is less than significant. No mitigation measures are required.

Discussion- Items VI-4,5:

The project is for the re-issuance of 100 rafting tags. The applicant does not propose an increase to the number of rafting tags, or an increase to the hours open for business. Because no improvements are proposed or required, the project will not result in unstable earth conditions, or the destruction/modification of any geologic feature. Additionally, the project will not result in a significant increase in wind or water erosion of soils. Therefore, the impact is less than significant. No mitigation measures are required.

Discussion- Item VI-6:

The previously-adopted Negative Declaration (EIAQ-3663) concluded that the movement of persons and rafts over erodible stream banks has the potential to cause erosion and siltation to the waters of the Truckee River. The re-issuance of the requested 100 rafting tags will not have an increased impact; however, the project's site specific impacts associated with erosion can be mitigated to a less than significant level by implementing the following mitigation measure:

Mitigation Measures- Item VI-6:

MM VI.1 Prior to April 15th of each year, or prior to commencement of the rafting season, whichever occurs first, the applicant shall provide evidence of implementation of an Educational/Signage Program, to the satisfaction of ESD. The Program shall inform their customers of the location of sensitive (erodible) stream banks and vegetation and what measures should be taken to protect those areas.

Discussion- Item VI-7:

The project is for the re-issuance of 100 rafting tags. No building or site improvements are proposed or required. Because no improvements are proposed or required, the project will not result in exposure of people or property to geologic hazards such as earthquakes. Therefore, there is no impact.

VII. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS – Would the project:

Environmental Issue	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Measures	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
1. Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant and/or cumulative impact on the environment? (APCD)			X	
2. Conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases? (APCD)			X	

Discussion- All Items:

Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions of primary concern from land use projects include carbon dioxide (CO₂), methane (CH₄), and nitrous oxide (N₂O). Construction related activities resulting in exhaust emissions may come from fuel combustion for heavy-duty diesel and gasoline-powered equipment, portable auxiliary equipment, material delivery trucks, and worker commuter trips. Operational GHG emissions would result from motor vehicle trips generated by the additional residents, on-site fuel combustion for space and water heating, landscape maintenance equipment, and fireplaces/stoves; and off site emissions at utility providers associated with the project's electricity and water demands.

The operational related GHG emissions resulting from the project would not substantially hinder the State's ability to attain the goals identified in AB 32 (i.e., reduction of statewide GHG emissions to 1990 levels by 2020; approximately a 30 percent reduction from projected 2020 emissions). Thus, the operation of the project would not generate substantial greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, which may be considered to have a significant impact on the environment; nor conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases and is therefore considered to have a less than significant impact. No mitigation measures are required.

VIII. HAZARDS & HAZARDOUS MATERIALS – Would the project:

Environmental Issue	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Measures	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
1. Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine handling, transport, use, or disposal of hazardous or acutely hazardous materials? (EHS)				X
2. Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment? (EHS)				X
3. Emit hazardous emissions, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school? (APCD)				X
4. Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment? (EHS)				X
5. For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area? (PLN)				X
6. For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing in the project area? (PLN)				X

7. Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands? (PLN)				X
8. Create any health hazard or potential health hazard? (EHS)		X		
9. Expose people to existing sources of potential health hazards? (EHS)		X		

Discussion- Item VIII-1:

The project will not create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine handling, transport, use, or disposal of hazardous waste. Punctured river rafts are repaired offsite either by the manufacturer or by a repair shop.

Discussion- Item VIII-2:

The project will not create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving a release of hazardous materials into the environment. The river rafts used in this operation are repaired offsite, so there's no release of hazardous materials to the public or the environment.

Discussion- Item VIII-3:

The project will not emit hazardous emissions, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school.

Discussion- Item VIII-4:

This project is not located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

Discussion- Items VIII-5,6,7:

The project is not located in an airport zone, nor is expected to increase the likelihood of a wildland fire in the community.

Discussion- Items VIII-8,9:

During holiday events and high traffic periods (July and August), such as the 4th of July and busy weekends, typically there is a large number of private and commercial rafters utilizing the Truckee River corridor. During these busy periods, a build-up of trash can occur, along with an increased demand for the use of the existing portable toilets. Increased demand for and mis-use of the portable toilets can result in overflowing toilets and other unsanitary conditions. Accumulation of garbage from garbage cans, and unsanitary toilets facilities are a potential health hazard. The following mitigation measure as described will reduce the stated potential health hazards to less than significant.

Mitigation Measures- Items VIII-8,9:

MM VIII.1 The project proponent jointly with Truckee River Raft Company will provide daily river cleanup, or more as necessary. Additionally, during holiday periods (days or weekends surrounding July 4th and Labor Day Weekend), the river cleanup shall be increased to three (3) trash pick-ups per day or more as necessary. Toilet facilities will be provided by access to portable toilets. The two companies involved, Truckee River Rafting and Mountain Air Sports shall provide at least 9 portable toilets dispersed along the length of the rafting area of the river. During peak uses or whenever necessary to prevent a nuisance, additional toilet facilities shall be provided. The two companies shall contract with a licensed septage hauler to provide sewage disposal maintenance and clean up of the portable toilets.

IX. HYDROLOGY & WATER QUALITY – Would the project:

Environmental Issue	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Measures	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
1. Violate any federal, state or county potable water quality standards? (EHS)				X
2. Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lessening of local groundwater supplies (i.e. the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)? (EHS)				X
3. Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area? (ESD)				X
4. Increase the rate or amount of surface runoff? (ESD)				X
5. Create or contribute runoff water which would include substantial additional sources of polluted water? (ESD)		X		
6. Otherwise substantially degrade surface water quality?(ESD)		X		
7. Otherwise substantially degrade ground water quality? (EHS)				X
8. Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map? (ESD)				X
9. Place within a 100-year flood hazard area improvements which would impede or redirect flood flows? (ESD)				X
10. Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam? (ESD)				X
11. Alter the direction or rate of flow of groundwater? (EHS)				X
12. Impact the watershed of important surface water resources, including but not limited to Lake Tahoe, Folsom Lake, Hell Hole Reservoir, Rock Creek Reservoir, Sugar Pine Reservoir, French Meadows Reservoir, Combie Lake, and Rollins Lake? (EHS, ESD)				X

Discussion- Item IX-1:

This project will not violate any potable drinking water quality standards as it uses potable drinking water from the Tahoe City Public Utility District.

Discussion- Item IX-2:

This project will not substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge as this project uses potable water from the Tahoe City Public Utility District.

Discussion- Item IX-3:

The project is for the re-issuance of 100 rafting tags. The applicant does not propose an increase to the number of rafting tags, or an increase to the hours open for business. No building or site improvements are proposed. Because no improvements are proposed or required, the project will not alter the existing drainage pattern of the site. Therefore, there is no impact.

Discussion- Item IX-4:

The project is for the re-issuance of 100 rafting tags. The applicant does not propose an increase to the number of rafting tags, or an increase to the hours open for business. No building or site improvements are proposed. Because no improvements are proposed or required, there will not be any increase in the rate or amount of surface runoff. Therefore, there is no impact.

Discussion- Items IX-5,6:

The previously-adopted Negative Declaration (EIAQ-3663) concluded that the use of the Truckee River patrons has the potential to create or contribute runoff water which would include substantial additional sources of polluted water and potentially degrade surface water quality. In accordance with the Rafting Ordinance (Sec. 5.16.280 & Sec. 5.16.290), the applicant participates in a River Cleanup Program that includes, but is not limited to: educating patrons of sensitive areas with potential for erosion, daily patrol of the project area, trash removal, placement and maintenance of trash receptacles and portable toilets. Further, the recreational use of the river is shared with other (non-patron) private rafters. The cleanup activities that are provided as a result of this application would provide a positive impact by providing cleanup of debris (resulting from non-patron rafters) that might not otherwise occur. The re-issuance of the requested 100 rafting tags will not have an increased impact; however, project's site specific impacts associated with water quality degradation can be mitigated to a less than significant level by implementing the following mitigation measure:

Mitigation Measures- Items IX-5,6:

Refer to text in MM VI.1

MM IX.1 Prior to April 15th of each year, or prior to commencement of the rafting season, whichever occurs first, the applicant shall provide a copy of the prior year's River Cleanup Monitoring Report to the Department of Public Works, Stormwater Quality Division. Additionally, the applicant shall provide a response summary describing how the recommendations contained in the report will be addressed and/or implemented.

Discussion- Item IX-7:

This project will not substantially degrade groundwater quality. There is no direct conduit to the groundwater via a water well or irrigation system. Thus, there is no impact.

Discussion- Items IX-8,9,10:

The project is for the re-issuance of 100 rafting tags. The applicant does not propose an increase to the number of rafting tags, or an increase to the hours open for business. No building or site improvements are proposed. Because no improvements are proposed or required, no improvements will be within a local 100-year flood hazard area and no flood flows would be redirected. The project site is located downstream of the Lake Tahoe spillway. The proposed activities would not have the potential to cause failure of that upstream structure. Therefore, there is no impact.

Discussion- Item IX-11:

This project will not alter the direction or rate of flow of groundwater as it does not use a groundwater source for its drinking water.

Discussion- Item IX-12:

The project is for the re-issuance of 100 rafting tags. The applicant does not propose an increase to the number of rafting tags, or an increase to the hours open for business. No building or site improvements are proposed. Because no expansion is proposed to the current use and no improvements are proposed or required, no impacts to watersheds of important surface water resources will occur. Therefore, there is no impact.

X. LAND USE & PLANNING – Would the project:

Environmental Issue	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Measures	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
1. Physically divide an established community? (PLN)				X

2. Conflict with General Plan/Community Plan/Specific Plan designations or zoning, or Plan policies adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect? (EHS, ESD, PLN)				X
3. Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan or other County policies, plans, or regulations adopted for purposes of avoiding or mitigating environmental effects? (PLN)				X
4. Result in the development of incompatible uses and/or the creation of land use conflicts? (PLN)				X
5. Affect agricultural and timber resources or operations (i.e. impacts to soils or farmlands and timber harvest plans, or impacts from incompatible land uses)? (PLN)				X
6. Disrupt or divide the physical arrangement of an established community (including a low-income or minority community)? (PLN)				X
7. Result in a substantial alteration of the present or planned land use of an area? (PLN)				X
8. Cause economic or social changes that would result in significant adverse physical changes to the environment such as urban decay or deterioration? (PLN)				X

Discussion- All Items:

The project will have no impact on land use planning related items. The project is for the re-issuance of 100 rafting tags. The applicant does not propose an increase to the number of rafting tags, or an increase to the hours open for business. The proposed project does not conflict with General Plan/Community Plan/Specific Plan policies related to grading, drainage, sewer, and transportation.

XI. MINERAL RESOURCES – Would the project result in:

Environmental Issue	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Measures	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
1. The loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state? (PLN)				X
2. The loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan? (PLN)				X

Discussion- All Items:

The river rafting project will have no impact to mineral resources.

XII. NOISE – Would the project result in:

Environmental Issue	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Measures	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
1. Exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local General Plan, Community Plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies? (PLN)				X
2. A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?		X		

(PLN)				
3. A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project? (PLN)		X		
4. For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels? (PLN)				X
5. For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels? (PLN)				X

Discussion- Items XII-1,4,5:

The project will not expose persons to or generate noise levels in excess of standards established in the local General Plan, Community Plan, noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies, nor is it located neither within an airport land use plan nor near a public or private airstrip. Therefore, it will not expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels.

Discussion- Items XII-2,3:

There exists a potential for raft customers to engage in behavior that is sufficiently loud to persons living along the Truckee River. The following mitigation measure will reduce the noise level to a less than significant impact:

Mitigation Measures- Items XII-2,3:

MM XII.1 Through a program of education, appropriate signage indicating "quiet zone" and "private property", and enforcement through the duties of a "River Monitor", the impact of noise and trespass is expected to be reduced to a less than significant level. The copy of such signs is expected to be as follows (or similar wording): "Private Property – Trespassing not permitted, please keep noise to a minimum."

XIII. POPULATION & HOUSING – Would the project:

Environmental Issue	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Measures	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
1. Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (i.e. by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (i.e. through extension of roads or other infrastructure)? (PLN)			X	
2. Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere? (PLN)			X	

Discussion- All Items:

Although the rafting company does draw people to the area, they consist mostly of tourists that will not add a substantial population growth directly or indirectly. In addition, it is an existing rafting operation and does not propose any new facilities. The project will not displace existing housing necessitating the construction of additional housing. No mitigation measures are required.

XIV. PUBLIC SERVICES – Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental services and/or facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services?

Environmental Issue	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Measures	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
1. Fire protection? (ESD, PLN)				X
2. Sheriff protection? (ESD, PLN)				X
3. Schools? (ESD, PLN)				X
4. Maintenance of public facilities, including roads? (ESD, PLN)				X
5. Other governmental services? (ESD, PLN)				X

Discussion- All Items:

The project is for the re-issuance of 100 rafting tags. The applicant does not propose an increase to the number of rafting tags, or an increase to the hours open for business. The proposed project does not generate the need for new fire protection facilities, new sheriff protection facilities, new school facilities or other public facilities and services as part of this project.

XV. RECREATION – Would the project result in:

Environmental Issue	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Measures	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
1. Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated? (PLN)			X	
2. Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment? (PLN)		X		

Discussion- Item XV-1:

The project will not increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated. No mitigation measures are required.

Discussion- Item XV-2:

The physical movement of persons and rafts over erodible stream banks has the potential to cause erosion and siltation into the Truckee River. Similarly, stream-side vegetation and sensitive riparian habitat can be impacted by those same rafting activities. This impact will be reduced to less than significant with the inclusion of the following mitigation measure:

Mitigation Measures- Item XV-2:

MM XV.1 As mitigation, the applicant shall participate on a "fair-share" basis toward the appropriate education of customers, provision of signage in areas of sensitive vegetation, and the employment of personnel to help monitor

and enforce conditions of approval. In addition, the applicant shall participate on a "fair-share" basis toward the funding a program for stream bank revegetation, stabilization, or other measures deemed appropriate.

XVI. TRANSPORTATION & TRAFFIC – Would the project result in:

Environmental Issue	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Measures	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
1. An increase in traffic which may be substantial in relation to the existing and/or planned future year traffic load and capacity of the roadway system (i.e. result in a substantial increase in either the number of vehicle trips, the volume to capacity ratio on roads, or congestion at intersections)? (ESD)				X
2. Exceeding, either individually or cumulatively, a level of service standard established by the County General Plan and/or Community Plan for roads affected by project traffic? (ESD)				X
3. Increased impacts to vehicle safety due to roadway design features (i.e. sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)? (ESD)			X	
4. Inadequate emergency access or access to nearby uses? (ESD)				X
5. Insufficient parking capacity on-site or off-site? (ESD, PLN)				X
6. Hazards or barriers for pedestrians or bicyclists? (ESD)		X		
7. Conflicts with adopted policies, plans, or programs supporting alternative transportation (i.e. bus turnouts, bicycle lanes, bicycle racks, public transit, pedestrian facilities, etc.) or otherwise decrease the performance or safety of such facilities? (ESD)				X
8. Change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks? (PLN)				X

Discussion- Items XVI-1,2:

The project is for the re-issuance of 100 rafting tags. The applicant does not propose an increase to the number of rafting tags, or an increase to the hours open for business. The project will not require the construction of any additional improvements. Because no expansion is proposed to the current use and no improvements are proposed or required, there will not be any increase in vehicle trips that will impact area roadways or intersections both individually or cumulatively. Therefore, there is no impact.

Discussion- Item XVI-3:

The project is for the re-issuance of 100 rafting tags. The applicant does not propose an increase to the number of rafting tags, or an increase to the hours open for business. The project will not require the construction of any additional improvements. Because no expansion is proposed to the current use and no improvements are proposed or required, there will not be any increase in impacts to vehicle safety. Therefore, the impact is less than significant. No mitigation measures are required.

Discussion- Item XVI-4:

The project is for the re-issuance of 100 rafting tags. The applicant does not propose an increase to the number of rafting tags, or an increase to the hours open for business. The project will not require the construction of any additional improvements. Because no expansion is proposed to the current use and no improvements are proposed or required, there are no impacts to emergency access or access to nearby uses. Therefore, there is no impact.

Discussion- Item XVI-5:

The project is for the re-issuance of 100 rafting tags. The applicant does not propose an increase to the number of rafting tags, or an increase to the hours open for business. The project will not require the construction of any additional improvements. Because no expansion is proposed to the current use and no improvements are proposed or required, there are no requirements for any new parking spaces. Therefore, there is no impact.

Discussion- Item XVI-6:

The previously-adopted Negative Declaration (EIAQ-3663) concluded that the use of the Truckee River patrons has the potential to create hazards or barriers for pedestrians or bicyclists. The applicant, as required by the rafting ordinance, provides shuttle service to transport customers and rental rafts between the points of river ingress and egress, and parking areas. The re-issuance of the requested 100 rafting tags will not have an increased impact, however, project's site specific impacts associated with pedestrian and bicyclist's safety and vehicular traffic can be mitigated to a less than significant level by implementing the following mitigation measure identified in the previously-adopted Negative Declaration (EIAQ-3663):

Mitigation Measures- Item XVI-6:

MM XVI.1 Prior to April 15th of each year, or prior to commencement of the rafting season, whichever occurs first, the applicant shall submit a Traffic Management Plan that includes, but is not limited to the bussing of patrons between the parking lots and the river, to the satisfaction of the Department of Public Works. The application is responsible for the full implementation of that Plan during operating hours.

Discussion- Item XVI-7:

The proposed project will not conflict with any existing policies or preclude anticipated future policies, plans, or programs supporting alternative transportation, including bus turnouts, bicycle lanes, bicycle racks, public transit, pedestrian facilities, etc., nor otherwise decrease the performance or safety of such facilities. Therefore, there is no impact.

Discussion- Item XVI-8:

The project is for the re-issuance of 100 rafting tags. The applicant does not propose an increase to the number of rafting tags, or an increase to the hours open for business. The project will not require the construction of any additional improvements. Because no expansion is proposed to the current use and no improvements are proposed or required, there will not be a change in air traffic patterns or increase in the air traffic levels that result in substantial safety risks. Therefore, there is no impact.

XVII. UTILITIES & SERVICE SYSTEMS – Would the project:

Environmental Issue	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Measures	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
1. Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board? (ESD)				X
2. Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater delivery, collection or treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects? (EHS, ESD)				X
3. Require or result in the construction of new on-site sewage systems? (EHS)				X
4. Require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects? (ESD)				X
5. Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed? (EHS)				X
6. Require sewer service that may not be available by the area's waste water treatment provider? (EHS, ESD)				X

7. Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs in compliance with all applicable laws? (EHS)				X
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Discussion- Items XVII-1,2,6:

The project is for the re-issuance of 100 rafting tags. The applicant does not propose an increase to the number of rafting tags, or an increase to the hours open for business. The project will not require the construction of any additional improvements. Because no expansion is proposed to the current use and no improvements are proposed or required, there will not be any impacts to wastewater treatment requirements of the Regional Water Quality Control Board. Additionally, with no increase in sewer flow, there is no need for the construction of new wastewater collection or treatment facilities or expansions of existing facilities. Therefore, there is no impact.

Discussion- Item XVII-3:

The project will not require or result in the construction of new on-site sewage disposal systems.

Discussion- Item XVII-4:

The project is for the re-issuance of 100 rafting tags. The applicant does not propose an increase to the number of rafting tags, or an increase to the hours open for business. The project will not require the construction of any additional improvements. Because no expansion is proposed to the current use and no improvements are proposed or required, there is no increase in stormwater flows that will require new stormwater drainage facilities or expansions of existing facilities. Therefore, there is no impact.

Discussion- Item XVII-5:

The project will not increase the water flows so there is sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources.

Discussion- Item XVII-7:

The project is served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs.

E. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Environmental Issue	Yes	No
1. Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially impact biological resources, or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?		X
2. Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects.)		X
3. Does the project have environmental effects, which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?		X

F. OTHER RESPONSIBLE AND TRUSTEE AGENCIES whose approval is required:

<input type="checkbox"/> California Department of Fish and Game	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO)
<input type="checkbox"/> California Department of Forestry	<input type="checkbox"/> National Marine Fisheries Service
<input type="checkbox"/> California Department of Health Services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
<input type="checkbox"/> California Department of Toxic Substances	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Army Corp of Engineers

<input type="checkbox"/> California Department of Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
<input type="checkbox"/> California Integrated Waste Management Board	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> California Regional Water Quality Control Board	<input type="checkbox"/> _____

G. DETERMINATION – The Environmental Review Committee finds that:

Although the proposed project **COULD** have a significant effect on the environment, there **WILL NOT** be a significant effect in this case because the mitigation measures described herein have been added to the project. A **MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION** will be prepared.

H. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW COMMITTEE (Persons/Departments consulted):

Planning Department, Stacy Wydra, Chairperson
 Engineering and Surveying Department, Sharon Boswell
 Department of Public Works, Transportation
 Environmental Health Services, Justin Hansen
 Air Pollution Control District, Tom Thompson
 Flood Control Districts, Andrew Darrow
 Facility Services, Parks, Andy Fisher
 Environmental Engineering Division, Janelle Heinzler
 Placer County Fire/CDF, Bob Eicholtz/Brad Albertazzi

Signature Michael Wells Date April 25, 2011
 Michael Wells, Environmental Coordinator

I. SUPPORTING INFORMATION SOURCES: The following public documents were utilized and site-specific studies prepared to evaluate in detail the effects or impacts associated with the project. This information is available for public review, Monday through Friday, 8am to 5pm, at the Placer County Community Development Resource Agency, Environmental Coordination Services, 3091 County Center Drive, Suite 190, Auburn, CA 95603. For Tahoe projects, the document will also be available in our Tahoe Division office, 565 West Lake Blvd., Tahoe City, CA 96145.

County Documents	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Plan
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental Review Ordinance
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Plan
	<input type="checkbox"/> Grading Ordinance
	<input type="checkbox"/> Land Development Manual
	<input type="checkbox"/> Land Division Ordinance
	<input type="checkbox"/> Stormwater Management Manual
	<input type="checkbox"/> Tree Ordinance
Trustee Agency Documents	<input type="checkbox"/> Department of Toxic Substances Control
	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
Site-Specific Studies	<input type="checkbox"/> Biological Study
	<input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Resources Pedestrian Survey
	<input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Resources Records Search
	<input type="checkbox"/> Lighting & Photometric Plan
	<input type="checkbox"/> Paleontological Survey
	<input type="checkbox"/> Tree Survey & Arborist Report
	<input type="checkbox"/> Visual Impact Analysis
	<input type="checkbox"/> Wetland Delineation

		<input type="checkbox"/> Acoustical Analysis
		<input type="checkbox"/> _____
	Engineering & Surveying Department, Flood Control District	<input type="checkbox"/> Phasing Plan
		<input type="checkbox"/> Preliminary Grading Plan
		<input type="checkbox"/> Preliminary Geotechnical Report
		<input type="checkbox"/> Preliminary Drainage Report
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stormwater & Surface Water Quality BMP Plan
		<input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Study
		<input type="checkbox"/> Sewer Pipeline Capacity Analysis
		<input type="checkbox"/> Placer County Commercial/Industrial Waste Survey (where public sewer is available)
		<input type="checkbox"/> Sewer Master Plan
		<input type="checkbox"/> Utility Plan
		<input type="checkbox"/> _____
	Environmental Health Services	<input type="checkbox"/> Groundwater Contamination Report
		<input type="checkbox"/> Hydro-Geological Study
		<input type="checkbox"/> Acoustical Analysis
		<input type="checkbox"/> Phase I Environmental Site Assessment
		<input type="checkbox"/> Soils Screening
		<input type="checkbox"/> Preliminary Endangerment Assessment
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2009 River Monitor's Report
	Air Pollution Control District	<input type="checkbox"/> CALINE4 Carbon Monoxide Analysis
		<input type="checkbox"/> Construction Emission & Dust Control Plan
		<input type="checkbox"/> Geotechnical Report (for naturally occurring asbestos)
		<input type="checkbox"/> Health Risk Assessment
		<input type="checkbox"/> URBEMIS Model Output
		<input type="checkbox"/> _____
	Fire Department	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Response and/or Evacuation Plan
		<input type="checkbox"/> Traffic & Circulation Plan
		<input type="checkbox"/> _____
	Mosquito Abatement District	<input type="checkbox"/> Guidelines and Standards for Vector Prevention in Proposed Developments
		<input type="checkbox"/> _____

**Mitigation Monitoring Program –
Mitigated Negative Declaration PLUS # PRFT T20110055 - Conditional Use Permit
and Rafting License for Truckee River Raft Co. - Sierra Tahoe Recreation**

Section 21081.6 of the Public Resources Code requires all public agencies to establish monitoring or reporting procedures for mitigation measures adopted as a condition of project approval in order to mitigate or avoid significant effects on the environment. Monitoring of such mitigation measures may extend through project permitting, construction, and project operations, as necessary.

Said monitoring shall be accomplished by the county's standard mitigation monitoring program and/or a project specific mitigation reporting program as defined in Placer County Code Chapter 18.28, Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.

Standard Mitigation Monitoring Program:

The following mitigation monitoring program (and following project specific reporting plan, when required) shall be utilized by Placer County to implement Public Resources Code Section 21081.6. Mitigation measures adopted for discretionary projects must be included as conditions of approval for that project. Compliance with conditions of approval is monitored by the county through a variety of permit processes as described below. The issuance of any of these permits or county actions which must be preceded by a verification that certain conditions of approval/mitigation measures have been met, shall serve as the required monitoring of those condition of approval/mitigation measures. These actions include design review approval, improvement plan approval, improvement construction inspection, encroachment permit, recordation of a final map, acceptance of subdivision improvements as complete, building permit approval, and/or certification of occupancy.

The following mitigation measures, identified in the Mitigated Negative Declaration, have been adopted as conditions of approval on the project's discretionary permit and will be monitored according to the above Standard Mitigation Monitoring Program verification process:

Mitigation Measures #'s: IV.1; VI.1; VIII.1; XI.1; XII.1; XV.1, and XVI.1

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5.16.270 Rafting.

- A. Purpose. The county of Placer finds that the sport of rafting serves a desirable and legitimate recreational need. The board of supervisors further finds, however, that it is both reasonable and proper to require that any business utilizing public resources for private benefit should take such steps as are reasonable and appropriate to protect those valuable and natural resources. The board further finds that this section is a reasonable and prudent method of protecting such resources.
- B. Any business which has as it's purpose the rental of rafts within Placer County, east of the Sierra Crest, shall first obtain a special business license and raft tags as specified herein from Placer County.
- C. For purposes of this section, "raft" means and includes any raft, inner tube, or any other type of inflatable or noninflatable flotation device used or intended to be used for traversing any river or stream. It shall not include any boat required to be registered with the state of California or any federal agency.
- D. Business and Rafting Locations. The business location and points of river ingress and egress must be either commercially zoned by Placer County or publicly owned. The public right to the use of areas below high water line does not qualify a location as "publicly owned." Commercial rafting shall be limited to that reach of the Truckee River between Lake Tahoe and the Alpine Meadows Road bridge crossing.
- E. Exceptions. The board of supervisors may waive the requirements of this subsection if all of the following exist:
1. Rafts are provided only to registrants in a program being conducted for educational purposes and not to the general public;
 2. The applicant provides sufficient funds or labor necessary as may be determined by the board to reasonably provide for clean-up along the body of water on which such rafts are utilized;
 3. The applicant has legal rights to use river ingress and egress points;
 4. The applicant shall have no more than five rafts on the river at any given time;
 5. The applicant provides transportation between the river and the location of the educational program;
 6. The applicant has requested and received approval of this waiver from the board of supervisors. (Prior code § 5.560)

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A. Application Information. In addition to the special business license application provided by the planning department, the applicant must provide an addendum that includes the following information:

1. The location, assessor's parcel number, and legal description of the premises where the business is proposed to be operated, including all lands to be used for parking, ingress to and egress from the river, and other incidental uses. If the applicant is not the owner of all land where the business is proposed to be operated, he or she shall submit evidence of written consent to such use by the owners; and
2. A detailed explanation of the applicant's program and plans to provide:
 - a. Personal safety flotation equipment such as life vests,
 - b. Sanitation facilities,
 - c. Vehicle parking areas as required in this section,
 - d. Safe vehicle access and traffic control at the points of ingress and egress from the river or stream,
 - e. Provisions for clean-up of ingress and egress points,
 - f. Shuttle vehicles for transporting customers and rental rafts among points of river ingress and egress, parking areas, etc.
- B. Application Period. Applications for rafting licenses shall be submitted to the planning department prior to October 15th of the year preceding the year for which a license is sought, unless the filing period is extended by the board of supervisors.

Note: The rafting license application cannot be accepted for review by the planning commission until an environmental review, as required by the California Environmental Quality Act, is completed.

- C. Conditional Use Permit. If a conditional use permit is required for outdoor sales in conjunction with any rafting license, the special business license fee for the rafting license shall apply for both applications.
- D. Public Hearing Required. Special business license applications to conduct this type of business shall be submitted to the county planning department. A public hearing shall be held to consider all rafting license applications. At least ten (10) days before such hearing, the planning commission shall give notice as follows:
 1. Mail notice to all persons owning property within three hundred (300) feet of the exterior boundaries of the area occupied by the use for which the license is sought; and
 2. Publish notice of the public hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the county; and

3. Post said notices in conspicuous places close to the property affected.
- E. Planning Commission Hearing. The designated hearing body for all rafting licenses shall be the county planning commission. The planning commission shall consider the documentary and testimonial evidence presented by the applicant and may thereafter grant such license.
- F. Limitation on Rafting Tags Issued. The planning commission shall not issue licenses to allow more than two hundred (200) rafting tags for use on the Truckee River. If all applicants cumulatively request more than two hundred (200) tags, the two hundred (200) tags shall be distributed among the qualified applicants in a manner to be determined by, and at the discretion of, the planning commission. In making such a decision, the planning commission shall consider the applicants' proposals to meet the requirements of this section, the testimonial evidence presented at the hearing and the environmental documentation accompanying each application. Specific items to be considered by the hearing officer shall include:
 1. The proposed ratio of parking spaces to rafting tags sought by the applicant;
 2. The suitability of the proposed ingress and egress points and business location in terms of potential traffic congestion, environmental degradation, safety, nuisance factors, available space for assembly of people, storage of rafts and other equipment, bus loading and unloading, and other potential problems;
 3. Past performance of the applicant in meeting rafting license requirements;
 4. Financial or priority incentives for the use of remote parking areas, arrivals at non-peak times, or the use of transit to the business location; and,
 5. Capital improvements, transit, and management measures proposed by the applicant to reduce traffic congestion in the area of the Tahoe City "Y." (Prior code § 5.561)

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5.16.290 Rafting—License requirements.

- A. All rafting licenses and operations shall be subject to the following requirements. Proof of satisfactory compliance with these requirements shall be provided by the applicant to the planning commission.
1. The business shall carry a minimum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00) general liability insurance and Placer County shall be named as an additionally insured party in each such policy. All vehicles used to shuttle raft rental customers shall be similarly insured in the amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00).
 2. Each person riding in a rented raft shall be issued a suitable personal safety floatation device, such as a life vest, which meets the approval of the US Coast Guard. Such life vests shall be carried in each raft and shall be provided at no cost to the customer.
 3. Sanitation facilities and trash receptacles shall be provided at river ingress and egress points.
 4. Areas for assembly, embarking, and debarking shall be provided at the business location and river ingress and egress points.
 5. Off-street parking spaces shall be provided at the business location or approved off-site locations in accordance with the following formula: one parking space for every one and one-half rafting tags issued to the applicant.
 6. Provisions shall be made for vehicle access and traffic control at the business location, and river ingress and egress points.
 7. Trash and other debris shall be removed daily from the business location, and river ingress and egress points.
 8. The raft rental operator shall provide a free shuttle service for customers and rental rafts from the point of egress to the business location. The vehicles used to shuttle passengers shall provide a seat for each passenger. The vehicle shall have capacity and/or return frequency to insure that no customer at the river egress point will have to wait more than thirty (30) minutes for a ride to the business location.
 9. The ownership of each raft and the tag number shall be clearly indicated by letters or numbers at least six inches tall on each raft.
 10. Rafting tags shall be used on all commercial rafts used on the river. The size, materials, numeration, method of fixture to the rafts, and other details shall be established by the planning commission.
 11. The licensee shall be required to notify each customer that:
 - a. White water areas exist on the river; and
 - b. Certain lands alongside the river are private property and shall not be trespassed upon; and
 - c. Restroom facilities are available at specified locations; and
 - d. The customer should depart from the river at a specified location by six p.m.

12. All commercial advertising signs shall be subject to the provisions of the county sign ordinance, including adherence to the provisions of the ordinance, design review approval, etc. Signs required for conditional approval of the operations, such as informational or direction signs, shall not be included in sign area computations, but will be subject to design review procedures. All signs placed by rafting operators shall be removed at the close of the rafting season.

13. Rafts shall not be rented out to customers before nine a.m. or after three-thirty p.m.

14. The applicant shall secure all applicable permits, including, but not limited to, conditional use permits, building permits, health permits, TRPA and CTRPA permits.

15. The business shall maintain a permanent log containing the name and address of each raft renter, the date and time of the raft rental, and the raft tag number thereof. The log shall be made available for inspection upon request by the planning department or other regulating official.

B. Term of License. The planning commission may approve, deny, take under advisement, or conditionally approve the issuance of a rafting license. Any valid or reasonable conditions necessary to protect the public health, safety, or general welfare, or in order to protect a valuable natural resource may be required of the licensee. Rafting licenses are valid for a term of thirty-six calendar months, unless a shorter time period is specified in the license.

C. Contract for River Cleanup. The county shall during the period of commercial rafting operations contract for the maintenance and cleanup of the Truckee River, including river bank, ingress and egress areas, and incidental rest areas used by commercial rafting operators. The contract shall include, but not be limited to, provisions for the following services:

1. Provide daily litter cleanup of the Truckee River corridor from Fanny Bridge in Tahoe City to the Alpine Meadows Road bridge, generally from twenty (20) feet to the west of the Truckee River to the westerly edge of the pavement along Highway 89.

2. All trash and litter shall be removed from the area described, including floating debris or raft debris in the river which may endanger public or environmental welfare.

3. A minimum of ten (10) trash barrels with plastic liners shall be placed at regular or necessary intervals along the river and shall be emptied on an average of once daily or at any time that they become full.

4. In addition, at least five additional trash barrels shall be placed along the bicycle trail in conspicuous locations not easily accessible from Highway 89 and spaced at even intervals between Tahoe City and Tahoe City public utility district property south of the River Ranch.

5. The contractor shall daily patrol (on the river) the riverbank to provide cleanup of trash not placed in containers.

6. Twice weekly cleanup of the river bottom including cleaning of pools, by snorkeling, shall occur.

7. Two divided toilets shall be provided at an approximate midpoint between ingress and egress areas and shall be serviced as often as usage dictates or at any time the Placer County health department determines it is necessary. Such toilets shall be placed only with the prior approval of the Placer County health department and the owner of said land where they are to be located.

8. The contractor shall each Wednesday, during the contract period, provide to the "contract administrator" a schedule which specifies when and who will be performing the duties of the contract in the following week.

D. River Cleanup Fees. After approval of the rafting license and compliance with all conditions of such approval, the licensee may purchase from

the county planning department the number of rafting tags allowed by the rafting license. The cost of each tag shall be determined by Placer County in the following manner:

1. The cost of cleanup operations; plus
2. The cost of the enforcement program; plus
3. The cost of the tags; minus
4. Supplemental funds received by the county for cleanup operations, equals total cost.

Total cost divided by the number of rafting tags approved equals the cost of each rafting tag.

The planning commission shall determine the cost of each of these operations, services, contracts, etc.

E. The fees for rafting tags may be paid to the county planning department in two installments; one-half due when the rafting tags are issued and one-half due on August 1st. The cost per rafting tag for use only on Lake Tahoe shall be ten dollars (\$10.00). Rafting tags shall be issued only to the licensee.

F. Refund of Fees. When conditions as described in Chapter 10, Section 10.20 of the Placer County Code preclude rafting, and as a result, the rafting season in any given year is reduced to less than one hundred (100) days, the county may refund a portion of fees collected. The portion of fees refunded shall not exceed one percent for each day less than one hundred (100) as described above. Such refund(s) shall be limited to the actual cost savings as a result of the reduced rafting season. This section applies to river cleanup fees as detailed in this section. The planning commission shall determine the actual cost savings which result from the reduced rafting season.

G. Transferability. Once approved, rafting tags or licenses may not be transferred without approval of the planning commission. Rafts bearing valid rafting tags may not be rented or sold by other than licensee to whom the tags were issued.

H. Modification of License. Any valid rafting license may be modified to change the place of business, ingress or egress points, related parking areas or other significant aspects of the project by making application to the tax collector as provided in subsection L of this section. No change in the operation of the rafting business as described in the original application is permitted without the approval of the modification of the license as provided herein.

I. The county shall maintain the right to modify licenses, after giving notice as required in Section 5.16.280(D) and during the time periods established in subsection (A)(15)(b) of this section where a significant change in circumstances has occurred. Such changes may include but are not limited to the following:

1. Change in ownership or control of land in vicinity;
 2. Change in the zoning or general plan designations affecting any property used as a part of the rafting operations;
 3. Changes in the transportation network serving the area.
- J. Rates. The operator of the business shall place in a conspicuous place at his location of business a sign identifying the rental rate for each type of raft.
- K. Enforcement. Enforcement of this section shall be by an agency or department designated by minute order of the Placer County board of

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supervisors.

L. Revocation. The planning director shall have the authority to summarily suspend any license issued under this section if he has reasonable cause to believe that there are grounds for revocation. The tax collector shall have the authority to revoke the license as specified under Section 5.08.210 for causes including but not limited to:

1. Failure to fulfill any of the conditions attached to issuance of the license;
2. Violation by the licensee of any county, state or federal law;
3. False, misleading, or fraudulent statement of a material fact in the license application or any other document required by the provisions of this section.

Revocation shall become effective immediately upon a revocation order issued in writing by the tax collector.

M. Violations. Each individual violation made as described in this section shall constitute a separate violation.

N. Penalty. Violations of this section shall be punishable as provided by Article 1.24 of the Placer County Code.

O. Variances. Variances from the terms of this section shall be granted only if the planning commission finds that the strict application of this section would be detrimental to the public interest.

P. Appeals. Appeals to interpretations of this section or decisions by the planning commission shall be in accordance with the general provisions of Chapter 30. (Prior code § 5.562)